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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 15-18,20,21,23-25,27-31 and 33 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 19,22,26 and 32 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 September 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

This is a response to the RCE filed 7/15/2005. Claims 1-33 are pending and are under examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 15-18, 20-21, 23-25, 27-31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norman (USP 6,292,868).

Figure 3 of Norman shows a method for observing and restoring data of a shift register (118) without altering logical value of said data, the method comprising continually transferring data from the output of said shift register to the input of said shift register and back through said shift register in a circular manner (column 16, lines 38-45), outputting said data as said data is transferred from said output of said shift register to said input of said shift register to permit said data of said shift register to be observed outside said circuit without altering logical values of said data of said shift register (the control engine 130 is capable of monitoring (observing) the contents of shift register 118 without losing (alter) its contents) as called for in claims 15, 21 and 28.

Regarding claims 16, 23 and 29, since the shifter register 118 is a circular shift register, thus, the limitations recited in claim 16 are fully met.

Regarding claims 17, 24 and 30, figure 3 shows the flash memory 216 is separate from the shift register.

Regarding claim 18, the control engine 130 has a sequencer capable of altering the contents of the shift register using data from the flash memory 216.

Regarding claims 20, 25, 27, 31 and 33, figure 3 shows the contents of the shift register is stored in the external device flash memory where the contents are examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-14 are presently allowed.
4. Claims 19, 22, 26 and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-1744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY P. CALLAHAN can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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